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SOURCE XXXXXXXXXX1. Location: Gloewen (M 53/Y 98)Type: Artillery schoolQuarters: Former military hospital, used as a quarantine camp, of solidly constructed cantonment buildingsStrength: About 1,200 police, including about 50 officersOrganization: Staff (school headquarters)  
I Bn with 1st through 5th Co  
II Bn with 6th through 10th Co  
Signal section

The organization into battalions was only theoretical at the time of observation. The CO of the 1st Co was also commanding the I Bn and the CO of the 10th Co commanding the II Bn.

Armament: Five heavy machine guns, model 08  
Ten light machine guns, model 34  
Three hundred carbines, model 98K  
One hundred and fifty pistols, models 08 and 38

An unidentified number of assault rifles and submachine guns, models 42 and 44.

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Artillery pieces were used for instruction in the storage buildings and were never moved outdoors.

Vehicles:

Three trucks  
Five passenger cars  
Two motorcycles.

Miscellaneous data:

The signal section of about 40 police was being trained at the VP signal school in Pirna (N 51/F 38). The course was to end in late May 1950. Upon graduation the trainees were to be promoted to the rank of officer or Wachtmeister.

Political attitude:

Thirty percent were members of the SED (Socialist Unity Party); 70 percent members of the FDJ (Free German Youth).

2. About 2,000 VP personnel were stationed in Gloewen, about 30 km SE Perleberg (M 54/T 70), in early March 1950. The unit included three batteries, each with four 122-mm guns of Soviet origin. The commanding officer of the unit had the rank of a colonel.\*

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